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New law establishes bipartisan legislative work group on game and fish program revenue

LANSING – Senate Bill 927, establishing a joint, bipartisan legislative work group to study funding options for game and fish protection programs was signed into law last Friday, announced state Sen. Michelle McManus, sponsor of the bill.

The work group established by Public Act 311 of 2004 will study options for establishing stable sources of financial support for game and fish protection programs. A report will be made to the Legislature on the work group's recommendations by Dec. 31.

"This work group will help to ensure the full involvement of the Legislature in protecting and preserving game and fish in Michigan," said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. "Our state has a rich wildlife heritage that we must carefully maintain. This work group will help to sustain that heritage for future generations."

The work group will consist of members of both chambers of the Legislature, to be appointed by the Senate majority leader and the speaker of the House. Representatives of the Natural Resources Commission and other interested parties also will be members. Senate and House leadership now have 30 days to appoint members to the new work group.

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